

Writing for Parameters

Article submissions

Parameters welcomes unsolicited article submissions. Manuscripts should reflect mature thought on topics of current interest to senior Army officers and the defense community. Our focus is on the art and science of land warfare, national and international security affairs, military strategy, senior leadership, ethics, and military history with contemporary relevance.

Our preferred length is 4,500 to 5,000 words. Authors are encouraged to submit their manuscript by e-mail, as an attachment, to Parameters@carlisle.army.mil. Manuscripts also may be mailed to the address below; in that case include one paper copy and a disk containing the computer file. Paper copies should be double-spaced and printed on one side of the sheet only. Carefully edit your text before submitting it. Include your name, address, daytime phone number, and e-mail address. Indicate whether the disk is Windows or Mac format, and tell us what word processing program you used. Do not submit your manuscript by fax.

Include complete documentation in endnotes, but hold the number and length to the minimum. Graphics should be included only if essential to amplify or clarify the text. Include a biographical sketch of four to six lines, indicating your present position and highlighting your expertise.

Do *not* submit a manuscript while it is being considered elsewhere.

We value clarity and direct, lively writing; avoid military jargon and dull prose. Longer, specialized papers should be converted to an article written for generalist readers before submission. If a manuscript is accepted, we reserve the right to edit it to conform to our stylistic standards and space constraints, but article authors will be provided galley proofs for approval before publication.

Submissions not sent to our referees for consideration are normally returned to the author in three to four weeks. For submissions sent to our referees, the review process takes about six to eight weeks from date of receipt, sometimes longer.

Upon publication, we pay a modest honorarium to authors who are eligible (which generally excludes US military personnel and government employees).

Book Reviews and Review Essays

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Commentary & Reply submissions

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From the Archives

Historical or literary vignettes for our "From the Archives" feature, which usually appears on our inside back cover, are also invited. Maximum length is 400 words. Include source data. Eligible contributors receive up to \$50 on publication.

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